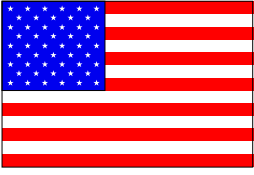


# American Heritage Week



American Heritage committee members entertain employees at the Gilruth Center during the grand finale. From left are June Bennett Larsen, Bonnie Kennedy, Carla Burnett, Beth Turner, Linda Kennedy and Marty Lewis. JSC celebrated its cultural diversity during the week of July 7-11 and hosted a grand finale on Monday, July 14 at the Gilruth Center.

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↑ JSC Director George Abbey, right, greets Native American L.L. Manshadow Waylett during the grand finale. Waylett represented S&K Electronics, the first Native American-owned company to be named as a NASA prime contractor. S&K Electronics is owned by Confederated Salish and Kootenai of the Flathead Nation. The company provides automation robotics at JSC.



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↑ Volunteer Mary Lee Meider, left, serves soft drinks during the grand finale celebration. Employees who attended the grand finale were able to select refreshments from many participating restaurants.

K.J. Tang of the Chinese Seniors Association of Houston inscribes an employee's name in traditional Chinese writing. Several cultural associations entertained employees throughout the week in the Bldg. 3 cafeteria. Entertainment ranged from cultural dancers to JSC's own Patriotic Choir.

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↑ Astronaut Steve Smith signs autographs during American Heritage festivities. Other activities during the grand finale included folk dancing, singers and a variety of ethnic and American food.



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↑ Dancers perform a Chinese ribbon dance to entertain the lunch crowd in Bldg. 3 during the week-long celebration.



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↑ Ambassadors International Spanish dancers entertain the lunch crowd in Bldg. 3 during the week-long celebration. The dancers are performing a Chotis dance native to the state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico.



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↑ American Heritage committee members herald the celebration through JSC. From left are Marty Lewis, Estella Hernandez-Gillette, Mary Lee Meider, Carla Burnett and Maureen O'Connell.



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↑ From left, volunteers Ann Brown-Garrison of Johnson Engineering, her son Cory and Suzy Ginn of Star Toyota prepare all-American hot dogs during the grand finale. Hot dogs were one of many cultural foods available during the celebration.



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↑ Center Operations Director Jim Hickmon checks out one of the employee craft displays that were featured during American Heritage Week. Rob Way of the Facility Development Division restored the 1932 American National Packard pedal car. Way also is currently working on the restoration of a 1953 Chevy truck.